

Lesson
1**People and Cultures****Teaching**

Follow these rules of capitalization:

- Capitalize people's names and initials.
Lyndon B. Johnson Ulysses S. Grant
- Capitalize titles and the abbreviations of titles used before names or in direct address. Capitalize the abbreviations of some titles when they follow a name.
Colonel Blake Dr. Jane Elway Hello, Professor Luis Hernandez, M.D.
- Capitalize titles of heads of state, royalty, or nobility only when they are used with a person's name or in place of a person's name. Do not capitalize titles when they are used without a proper name.
Sir Walter Raleigh The Prince of Wales visited the United States.
The queen wore a crown.
- Capitalize the titles indicating family relationships only when the titles are used as names or parts of names. Do not capitalize a family name when it follows the person's name or is used without a proper name.
Aunt Vicky Grandma Ellen My uncle Ellen, our aunt.
- Always capitalize the pronoun *I*.
- Capitalize the names of religions, sacred days, sacred writings, and deities. Do not capitalize the words *god* or *goddess* when they refer to a group of deities, as in ancient mythology.
Christianity Kwanza the Book of Genesis Allah
- Capitalize the names of nationalities, languages, races, and some ethnic groups, and the adjectives formed from these names.
the French Portuguese Caucasian Polish German sausage

Capitalizing Names of People and Cultures

Underline the words that should be capitalized in each of the following sentences.

1. My sister and I love thai food.
2. Can I have another piece of that delicious french bread?
3. This book is about aztec pyramids.
4. The hindu god shiva is the patron of dancers.
5. In 1979, prime minister margaret thatcher was elected.
6. According to a greek myth, the god zeus was the father of hercules.
7. The new professor at the college is dr. jeffrey a. long
8. For his bar mitzvah, my cousin joel memorized a passage from the torah.
9. The duke of marlborough was an ancestor of sir winston churchill.
10. When grandpa joe comes to visit, he tells us stories about when he was in the army with colonel jack s. anderson.

**Lesson
1****People and Cultures****More Practice****A. Capitalizing Names**

Underline the letters that should be capitals in each of the following sentences. If the sentence is already correct, write **Correct**.

1. We read a short story by e. b. white. _____
2. The opening address was given by senator nancy holland. _____
3. Can ms. nold arrange an appointment with rev. thomas? _____
4. My new french teacher is canadian. _____
5. The principal invited capt. williams to speak at the assembly. _____
6. My father and uncle henry both enjoy books written by martin prescott, ph.d. _____
7. My brother and I saw grandpa victor downtown. _____
8. Several times a day, muslims pray to allah. _____
9. Ask mom if dad is ready to pack the camper. _____
10. In norse mythology, the god odin is ruler over the other gods, and his son is thor. _____
11. Romans often gave new names to the gods of greek mythology. _____
12. In greek mythology, the god of war was named ares; in roman mythology, the god of war's name was mars. _____

B. Capitalizing Correctly

Underline each word that should be capitalized in the following paragraph. Not every sentence has a word that need to be capitalized.

(1) John jay was an early american statesman. (2) He was the president of the Continental Congress from December 1778 until September 1779. (3) He then became the american ambassador to Spain. (4) He was acquainted with general george washington. (5) In 1789, president george washington appointed jay the first chief justice of the Supreme Court. (6) In 1794, chief justice jay traveled to England and negotiated a treaty with the english government. (7) He resigned as chief justice when he was elected governor john jay of New York. (8) As a diplomat, patriot, and chief justice, john jay played an important role in early american history.

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Application

A. Proofreading

Proofread the following first draft of a report. Look especially for errors in capitalization. Draw three lines under each letter that should be capitalized.

EXAMPLE William howard taft was an american politician.

Many young people dream of being the president of the United States. Instead, William Howard Taft wanted to be a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. On the way to reaching his goal, Taft served as the U.S. president from 1909 to 1913. During his presidency, Admiral Robert Peary became the first person to reach the North Pole. The Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen led an expedition to the South Pole. The Chinese Republic was founded. The English ship *Titanic* sank in the Atlantic Ocean. Although these were exciting times, President Taft was not happy. When he left the White House, he announced, "I'm glad to be going." Eight years later, President Warren G. Harding appointed Taft Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Chief Justice Taft considered this office to be a greater honor than being president of the United States.

B. Writing with Capital Letters

Suppose it was your job to introduce a panel of speakers to an audience. You would need to announce each speaker's name and tell a little about him or her. Write an introduction for an imaginary panel of four speakers. Be sure to capitalize all the names and titles correctly.

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